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HONGKONG, 11th December, 1901.

It is with great regret, but without the least surprise, we learn that there is another recrudescence of piracy in the Canton Delta; and that life and property in that rich and spreading territory are again practically at the mercy of lawless ruffians. Within the past week or two there have been five serious cases of piracy, and it is an established fact that regular organised bands, ranging from half-a-score persons to half-a-hundred, are roving about the Canton and West Rivers and their numerous branches, cutting out steam-launches and native junks and passage-boats. This state of things has been going on for many years, but within the past three years the condition of the Delta has gone from very bad to much worse, despite complaints, remonstrances, and some well meant attempts by the foreign squadrons to assist in providing a check upon the ravages of these foes to good order. In July, 1899, representations were made by the silk-merchants of Canton on the subject, setting forth the grave interference with trade caused by the robberies and piracies which had terrorised the Delta and prevented the silk-growers from forwarding their products to Canton to enable dealers to fulfil their contracts with the foreign firms, and were sent on to the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, who thereupon addressed strong representations on the subject to the British Minister at Peking, to His Excellency the Governor, and to the London Chamber of Commerce, urging that the Kwangtung waterways should be patrolled by British gunboats, and pressing for the early opening of these waterways to navigation by foreign steamers. The outcome of all this agitation was the despatch of several small gunboats up the rivers and a temporary—very temporary—reduction in the piracies committed. The West River, which had been opened to trade as far as

Wuchow, has not yet been opened to Nanning-fu, and the other waterways are still closed to foreign steamers. No serious attempt has ever been made by the Provincial Government to grapple with the evil, either because they are powerless to do so, or because some of the mandarins are in the pay of the pirates, or because they are incapable of a persevering effort to put down any established abuse. In any case, be the causes what they may, the Government of the Two Kwangs is hopelessly and incurably incompetent to suppress brigandage or to protect trade in the two provinces; It may be pleaded that they have no effective organisation, but such a plea cannot be entertained, because the mandarins can nearly always succeed in making themselves felt if it pays them to do so. Treaty obligations are nothing to these men; they neither feel bound to carry them into effect nor have they the wish to do so. The state of anarchy to which certain districts are reduced causes them no inconvenience and gives them no concern, except on those rare occasions when a foreign Consul makes a demand for justice, presents a big claim on behalf of a countryman, or, in sheer despair of obtaining an answer to his representations, threatens to resign as a protest against the inaction of the Government.

Matters have now got to such a pass that something should be done at once to provide a remedy for the evil. It is not to be found, apparently, in representations addressed to the Viceroy through the Consuls. These are met by denials of the piracy by promises of intervention and the punishment of the offenders, which either extend only to enquiry into a particular case and punishment of some coolies who may or may not be guilty of the crimes charged against them, or only consist of vague promises merely given to quiet the too insistent foreigner. The patrolling of the rivers by foreign gunboats has had some effect, but much less than was anticipated, owing partly to want of knowledge of the lairs of the pirates and partly to the latter's hoodwinking the gunboats. Nevertheless, as we have said, the appearance of these little craft has had a good moral effect on the people of the Delta, which would be greatly enhanced if the commanders had powers to deal summarily with pirates or robbers. But they are powerless unless they catch a pirate boat in the act of attacking a foreign steamer, and they are, we presume, unable to intervene in the case of a native craft being attacked, even if they were so fortunate as to witness such a piracy. What is wanted is an organised system of River Police under the control of the Imperial Maritime Customs, who should be supplied with a flotilla of six or eight gunboats, under the command of and partly officered by Europeans. These should be given a free hand to extirpate pirates and restore and preserve order on the waterways. Something was done in this direction, we believe, early in the seventies, in the time of the Viceroy Jui Lin, who put Europeans in command of some half-a-dozen of his gunboats with instructions to hunt down and root out pirates, with great effect, and for years thereafter the land had at least comparative peace. We commend the idea to the Foreign Minister at Peking, with the sincere hope that it will be taken into serious consideration. The evil complained of is of such magnitude, its effects are so extensively felt, and its existence is such a scandal to civilisation, that unless some determined effort be made to grapple with it, its continuance will cast a reflection alike on the ability and the humanity of the Foreign Representatives in China. More particularly are the British, French, and German Ministers interested in the repression of piracy in the Canton Delta, a district wherein, under humpback circumstances, there might reasonably be expected a large development of trade with the increased prosperity that would follow the maintenance of good order and restoration of security. The subject was, we believe, brought to the notice of Sir JAMES LYLE MACKAY, the British Special Commissioner sent out to negotiate the commercial terms with regard to the Tariff, &c., during his visit to the Colony, and we trust therefore it will not be lost sight of. At the same time, it might be well if the local Chamber of Commerce would once again take up the question and bring it at this juncture to the notice of the British Minister.

H.M.S. Talbot arrived from Weihaiwei yesterday.

The Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving returned from Shanghai by the *Stuttgart* on Monday night.

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The Telegraph Cos. notified us yesterday that direct cable communication to Shanghai is restored via Foochow; but, as the Amoy-Shanghai cable is still interrupted, there will yet be some delay in the traffic to Shanghai, North China, and Japan.

H.M.S. Astraea went out yesterday for a cruise.

Mr. Alec Marsh gave a concert at the Lyceum Theatre, Shanghai, on the 5th inst., before a very fair house, and assisted with half-a-dozen amateur artists, not with much success. Three of Mr. Marsh's own songs were from Wagner's dramas.

"Owing to unforeseen circumstances," the banquet and concert, which were to have been held after the installation ceremony of the Masonic Lodge St. John tomorrow evening, will not take place. The installation ceremony will be performed as arranged.

The Crown Land, registered as Rural Building Lot No. 110, Deep Water Bay, which was exposed to public sale in the offices of the Public Works' Department, was bought by Messrs. Shawan, Tómes & Co. for \$1,145, being \$20 of an advance upon the upset price.

Warder Curtis, who absconded from Victoria Gaol on the 12th of last October, and left the Colony, taking with him a sum of nearly \$300 belonging to his mess, was captured in town yesterday morning by Detective Sergt. Kerr and Constable Gibson, who observed him walking in the street. Later in the day he was brought up at the Magistracy and remanded.

Sir Thomas Jackson has received a telegram intimating that his son, Lieutenant Jackson, of the 1st King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment) has been promoted to the rank of Captain. Captain Jackson, it will be remembered, went out to South Africa with a Mounted Infantry detachment and was A.D.C. to Colonel Benson, who was killed in the rearguard action near Botha recently.

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A few minutes before 3 o'clock yesterday morning the Firs Bei, who were summoned to a fire which had broken out at 279 Queen's Road Central in a three-story building occupied as a dry-goods shop and store. The Brigade promptly turned out, under the command of Mr. G. Kemp, but found on their arrival at the scene that the flames had secured a firm hold of the building. The staff had to work under the disadvantage of having to pump sea-water from the Praya, but nevertheless succeeded in confining the conflagration to the structure in which it had originated, though this was completely destroyed. The damage is estimated at \$1,700 and is covered by a policy for \$2,500 in the Li Fuk Insurance Office.

The French Sisters held their annual bazaar yesterday in the City Hall in aid of the poor Chinese orphans of the Asilo de la Sainte Enfance. It was gratifying to see the large numbers who attended the bazaar in the course of the afternoon and bought liberally of the articles exposed to sale. The net result should be a handsome contribution to the funds of this most deserving institution. The Sisters were energetically assisted by numerous ladies who in the roles of stall-holders or ticket-vendors were eminently successful in loosening the visitors' purse-strings. For the pretty arrangement of the stalls no little praise is due to those ladies responsible. The excellent quality of the needle and fancy-work of the orphans was a general subject of remark, reflecting as it did the highest credit upon the Sisters for the patient and painstaking teaching which they impart to the little orphans under their care. H.E. the Governor was patron of the bazaar.

It would be interesting to know in how many of the obituaries of the late Li Hung-chang the expression "a Chinese Bismarck" has occurred. In a large proportion of the notices in papers recently to hand this term has been employed. The *London and China Express*, as we have records, combats the accuracy of the comparison, and so do writers in several other papers. The Times of the 8th ult., for instance, says:—How wide of the mark was this appellation of Li Hung-chang will be clear to those who read the record of his life. He never really accepted the postulates of civilised and progressive policy, and in this respect he stood out in signal contrast with the statesmen of Japan. While the Japanese have endeavoured to adopt all that is best in Western civilisation, without abandoning their national character, the Chinese, so far as they followed the lead of Li Hung-chang, were content to set up a feeble imitation in which they did not believe themselves and which did not seriously impose on anybody else. There are Chinese, like the Yangtze Viceroy, who take a broader view of the needs of the Empire, but Li Hung-chang was not one of these. He sympathised with the Chinese abhorrence of the progressiveness of Japan, or thought it well to protest to do so. His own ideal of progress was far more closely akin to the traditional Chinese practice of manning sham fort with dummy guns, and the result is recorded in history.

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The German Government proposes to import a man-of-war from Germany.

Several deaths from cholera are reported from Bangkok at the end of last month.

The St. Andrew's Ball at Yokohama on the 29th ult. is reported to have been quite as successful as those in former years.

On the 1st inst. the hill-top sanatorium at Hangchow belonging to the American Presbyterian Mission (North) was totally burnt, with its contents.

It was reported in Japan that many vessels of the British fleet, including the *Cressy*, *Terrible*, and *Argonaut*, would assemble at Yokohama during the first week of this month. The battleship *Victoria* was already at the northern port.

The manufacture of opium and camphor in Formosa has not been satisfactory this year. The authorities estimated the receipts from the monopoly at over nine million yen. It is now reported that the actual proceeds will not exceed one-third of the estimate.

A. Chungking despatch to Shanghai reports that the Chinese authorities of that city on the 20th ult. marked out, in conjunction with the Japanese Consul, the boundaries of the proposed Japanese Settlement in that port, in the Wanhua district. Boundary-stones were also set up at the port.

According to Mr. Motono, formerly Japanese Minister to Belgium, who returned home recently, the import of iron into Japan from Belgium has of late considerably increased, but as the goods are imported through German or British merchants they do not figure as Belgian exports in the statistical returns of the shipments.

In a small way the Marconi system is about to be applied to India, for the Calcutta Port Commissioners intend shortly erecting an apparatus for communication between the mainland and the Highlands at Sandheads. This fact is all the more interesting, because it was with the idea of getting into early communication with ships coming to Calcutta that the first telegraph line was laid in India.

It is reported from Wuhan that the extensive country to the north of that port abounds with innumerable famine-stricken inhabitants and that Miss Michell, the missionary, has established a soup-kitchen there, which daily feeds over 2,000 women and children, the local Chinese officials seem to remain incredibly apathetic and would not raise a finger to relieve the male sufferers, who are starved to death by hundreds of days.

The High Educational Council in Japan has been considering several important memorials, including the subjects of teaching German in every middle school situated within a district where a higher school exists, compiling various text-books for primary schools at the Educational Department, applying easier idiomatic terms in the practical textbooks to be used in the institutions under middle class schools, and procuring training ships for the mercantile navigation school.

The North German Lloyd Steamship Company is establishing a new line of steamers to run between Cuban ports and Bremerhaven, calling at one of the northern ports of Spain. This is in response to the great development of trade between Germany and Cuba. Returns for the last two years show a steady progression, resulting in Germany becoming the most important seller in the island. German agents have been sent to every part of Cuba, have learned what the people need, and have catered for their wants. During the same period English trade shows a slight increase, the losses being sustained by Spain, France, and the United States. The new line of steamers was to be opened in November, and one steamer a month will leave Bremerhaven until February next, when the service will be fortnightly.

The Japan Mail says that the disaffected section of Nippon Yusen Kaisha shareholders are not silenced, though defeated. One of their number is said to be about to institute legal proceedings against the Company on the ground that violation of the Commercial Code was committed when an ordinary general meeting was invited to vote certain propositions which had not previously been submitted to an extraordinary meeting, or notified to the shareholders 15 days previous to the ordinary meeting. The principal of these propositions was the appropriation of a sum of five hundred thousand yen as a fund for extending the Company's lines and improving its ships. The Mail says: Chagrin at their signal defeat in the recent general meeting seems to have inspired them with a desire to make themselves objectionable in some way or other and their present course is obstructiveness, pure and simple.

The Japanese commercial commissioner at Vladivostock mentions in his report to the Government that on the completion of the Siberian and the Chinese Eastern Railway a great expansion of shipping traffic in the Far East will be witnessed. It would seem that general attention is now directed to this subject, for since the beginning of this year a large number of foreign visitors have arrived at Vladivostock overland and by sea. The Russian authorities are very anxious that the shipping traffic in the neighbouring seas shall not fall into the hands of foreigners, and are earnestly endeavouring to promote the mercantile marine of their own country. As a step in this direction it is proposed to place the two new steamers of the Chinese Eastern Railway Company—*Manchuria* and *Northern*—on the line between Vladivostok and America. A Russian newspaper comments in its leading article that the inauguration of a direct route to America is urgent.

The M.M. steamer *India*, with the next French mail left Singapore on the 3rd inst. at midnight for this port, via Saigon. The C.P.R. steamer *Athenian* arrived at Nagasaki on the 9th inst. at 9 a.m., and left again at 5.30 p.m. same day for Kobe, where she is due to arrive to-morrow, at 7 a.m. The N.Y.K. steamer *Idemitsu Maru* (American Line) left Kobe via Moji and Shanghai for this port on the 7th inst. and is expected to arrive here on the 15th inst.

The silk ex. *Tsuru* arrived in New York on the 9th inst.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.]

CANTON.

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Canton, 9th December.

WINTER.

Canton has been suddenly overtaken by winter, and the bulk of the population is greatly increased by the wadded coats it has assumed. Being dry cold it has not been felt as severely as if the air had been damp. The night of Wednesday-Thursday was the coldest, and a beggar was found in the streets the next morning dead of cold and exposure. No official inquest or enquiry is made in such circumstances, but the neighbours, unless a benevolent association can be persuaded to do it, subscribe to buy a coffin, and the funeral is performed as expeditiously as possible.

THE SHOE STRIKE.

Judgment was delivered this week by the magistrates in the case of the strike in the shoe-trade. It will be remembered that the craftsman's guild demanded an advance of 5 lire per pair, and the masters' association, not being strong enough to withstand them, appealed to the officials. Their decision grants the men a rise of 3 lire per pair, and proclaims that any who now refuse to work and attempt to create further agitation will at once be arrested. A strike has lately been threatened by the makers of pins, but the masters have granted all the men's demands, a rise of 20 per cent. and have reimbursed themselves by correspondingly raising the price of pins.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LI HUNG-CHANG.

On Tuesday the memorial service ordered by the Emperor for Li Hung-chang took place. The ceremony was dignified and not marred by the squall which spoils so many Chinese solemnities. All arrangements were in the hands of the Nam Ho and Fun Yu magistrates and the procedure was based on the worship of the Imperial tablet performed at the New Year. The place chosen was the Government Printing Office, the reception-hall of which was decorated for the occasion. Every official in the province had sent a scroll with a suitable inscription, such as "a great man is dead." Chinese and foreigners alike respected him. "The Bismarck of China" etc., and these were hung round the hall and in the passages by which it was reached. In the hall there was an altar bearing the tablet of the dead man

POLO.

On Monday the second match for the R.A. Trophy took place, the contesting teams being the Staff and Hongkong Polo Club. The teams were—

HONGKONG POLO CLUB.

STAFF. 1 Condr. Orpen
Capt. Trefusis 2 Mr. Crickshank
Major Hamilton 3 Capt. Labertouche
Lt.-Col. Koo 4 Mr. T. H. Whitehead

After the throw-in for the first chukka the Club got possession, and in 49 seconds scored a subsidiary. On resuming play again in the game, contrary to general expectation, went all in favour of the Club, who scored another subsidiary, which easily might have been a goal but for erratic hitting on the part of Labertouche, though not the worst on his side in this respect. Then came some give-and-take play about the centre of the ground, from which Labertouche, who certainly had the best trained pony on the ground, got possession and scored a third subsidiary for his side, just before the finish of the period.

In the second chukka the Club immediately began to press; Labertouche for his side getting in a wonderful amount of work, but here a long pause took place, though the ball was still in play, through the Staff back dropping his stick and not being able to find it. On resuming the Staff got away, Koo taking the ball down the field, only to be stopped by the Club back, who with a good hit sent the ball well up the ground, where Orpen getting possession carried it up the edge and then with a good back-hand sent it before the goal, when Whitehead put it through. During this period the Club had all the play and should have scored often, but again this must be put the fact that Warren's pony seemed to keep him out of his place most of the time.

Six minutes 43 seconds remained for the third chukka, during which time the Club scored 3 goals; the Staff's points seemed to be done up altogether and only once did the ball leave their end of the ground, when Trefusis and Warren, better mounted this time, got in a useful run but were stopped by Crickshank. With this exception the Club pressed all the time. Labertouche notching 2 goals and Orpen one for their side.

What struck the spectator most during the match was the unnecessary amount of argument which went on even after the umpire had given his decision on the particular point; the game actually stopped once while the opposing Nos. 3 thrashed out a point for themselves. The Club were the best mounted, remarkably so in the second chukka, but this would not account altogether for their superiority. For the winners Labertouche played splendidly and was well backed up by Whitehead, who certainly was at his best; for the losers Koo at times was good, but Hamilton was not in his true form, while Warren and Trefusis were handicapped badly by their ponies.

The final bout between the Club and R.W.F. will be played on Saturday 13th at 3.45 p.m. sharp, when by kind permission of Col. Bortie and officers the band of the R.W.F. will attend.

The R.A. will be at home to their friends on the ground.

SUPREME COURT.

Tuesday, 10th December,

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR A. G. WISE (ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE).

LUK LAI CHO & KINGHORN AND MACDONALD.

Judgment was given in this case, which was a new trial upon a special jury for \$44,333 for alleged breach of warranty by authority, and the costs incurred in the original action. In that action Luk Lai Cho, No. 32, Benthim Strand, sued T. H. Kingsley, who was then in Shanghai, for specific performance of an agreement, dated 18th October, 1901, for the sale by the defendant to the plaintiff of a certain piece of land situated at Kowloon and registered in the Land Office as Maxim Lot No. 39. The plaintiff lost the suit, and now claimed the sum stated from Kinghorn & McDonald, the agents in the disputed sale. Plaintiff stated that he was a warrant officer in the Royal Engineers, stationed at Hongkong. He knew defendant, who was formerly in the Royal Engineers. Witness first met defendant in Hongkong in 1897. The latter's rank was then Company Sgt-Major. Defendant left Hongkong in February, 1898; he was then still in the Royal Engineers. His wife left with him. Witness met him again on his return to Hongkong in November, 1900, he thought. By this time defendant had left the army. Witness on that occasion, asked for Mrs. Hanson and defendant told him she was dead.

Cross-examined.—The reason he had, for thinking that defendant and Mrs. Hanson were married was that they would not have been allowed to occupy the married quarters at Lytton unless a marriage certificate had been produced. He could not say whether a marriage certificate was produced in this case; but it was the rule for the certificate to be produced in England and presented to the commanding Officer, after which the wife was admitted on the strength of the regiment. Mrs. Hanson was on the strength of the regiment out here. He had neither heard from Mrs. Hanson nor seen her since her departure from Hongkong, but he had heard of her. He heard that Mrs. Bonson, wife of a Company Sgt-Major, had received a letter in which it was stated that Mrs. Hanson was alive. It was in the spring of the present year he heard this. This letter was from Mrs. Cutting, wife of a Company Sgt-Major who had been serving in Hongkong. The news was that Mrs. Cutting had met Mrs. Hanson and that the latter was expecting soon to join her husband in Hongkong. He did not hear where Mrs. Hanson was living. Mrs. Bonson was not now in Hongkong. He always understood that the Hansons when out here had no children.

He examined—Company Sgt.-Major Bouton had also gone home.

Mr. Bowley stated that he did not propose to lead any further evidence in the case at present. Investigations had been made through the Scotland Yard authorities, and as a result of these a gentleman was leaving home shortly to come out here, who would be able to prove defendant's former marriage in London and of the refusal of their principal to confirm the sale. The day the alleged breach of warranty.

Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C., and Mr. M. W. Slade, barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. J. Hastings), appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. D. H. Sharp, barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. J. S. Harston), for the defendants.

Mr. Slade having summed up the plaintiff's case.

Mr. Sharp replied on behalf of the defendant. His Lordship summed up and put the following question to the jury—“Did the parties consider that the letter dated 20th October, including the postscript, was a binding contract?”

By a majority of 7 to 2 the jury gave the finding, “No.”

Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C., then addressed the Court as to costs.

Mr. Sharp asked for the costs of the trial.

Judgment was given for the defendants: order was delivered as to the costs in either the old or the new trial.

POLICE COURT.

Tuesday, 10th December.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (POLICE MAGISTRATE).

EX-ARMY MAN CHARGED WITH BIGAMY.

Frederick Gilbert Hanson, an ex-Company Sgt.-Major in the Royal Engineers, was charged on remand with bigamy, in that he married a Portuguese girl, named Helen Emily Lucas, in the Registrar General's office at Hongkong on 1st December, 1900, while his wife, Minnie Hanson, was still alive in England. Defendant denies the charge, and is being defended by Mr. F. B. Deacon, solicitor. Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor, is in charge of the prosecution.

The first witness called was J. D. Bowles, Acting Assistant Registrar General, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, who deposed that he had charge of the records in the Registrar General's office relating to marriages. He produced an affidavit made by defendant on the 30th November, 1900. This was sworn before Mr. P. P. J. Weddhouse, who is also a Deputy Registrar of Marriages. He also produced a marriage certificate from the records of the Registrar General, and stated that Mr. Weddhouse is now absent from the Colony.

Rev. Giovanni Michele Spadò stated that he was a priest of the Roman Catholic Church. On 1st December, 1900, he was in charge of the Church of St. Francis Xavier's, which was licensed by the Governor for the celebration of marriages. He recognized defendant whom he had met occasionally. On 1st December he celebrated the marriage ceremony between defendant and Helen Emily Lucas.

It took place about 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

After the performance of the ceremony, witness filled up the certificate and also made out a duplicate, which was sent to the Registrar General. That certificate was signed by the defendant and the girl in his presence, well as by two witnesses and himself. The two witnesses—John Davis and Patric Henry Murray—were present during the ceremony.

Before the marriage Miss Lucas was a teacher in St. Francis' College, Wan Chai. She was an adopted child, so far as his knowledge went.

A special license for the marriage was issued to witness before the ceremony. According to his habit, he put this license into a drawer and some time afterwards destroyed it. The license was signed by the Governor. The reason for getting a special license was, he thought, that the parties were desirous to get married as soon as possible, it not being the custom to celebrate marriages in Advent in the Roman Catholic Church unless special circumstances transpired, and the 1st of December was the last day before Advent. Of this rule he could not say the defendant was aware. He did not know whether the parties afterwards lived together as man and wife; he saw them together on the street. Witness had no knowledge that there was any impediment to this marriage at the time.

Cross-examined.—He was duly authorized to celebrate this marriage at the time. He could not remember who handed the special license to him, but it was handed to him before the ceremony.

Besides the defendant, Miss Lucas, the two witnesses and himself, he could not remember who was present at the ceremony. He did not know how old Miss Lucas was then. It was, he thought, the 3rd of December that he saw the certificate to the Registrar General. It certainly was sent within a week. The marriage was regular and properly celebrated. With regard to the destruction of the special license, it was put into the waste-paper basket and taken away to the kitchen by the cook. He could not remember whether he tore it up or not, and had never seen it since.

Re-examined.—It was his habit, on clearing out this drawer referred-to-to tear up the old accounted papers. He had made a search for the special license, but could not find it. The body of the certificate of marriage was in his own handwriting; all but the four signatures in the certificate itself was described as a widow. He could not remember from whom he got that information. The certificate was filled up before the ceremony. He did not remember from whom he got the information (as it appeared on the certificate) that Miss Lucas was 21 years of age.

G. W. Crombie stated that he was a warrant officer in the Royal Engineers, stationed at Hongkong. He knew defendant, who was formerly in the Royal Engineers. Witness first met defendant in Hongkong in 1897. The latter's rank was then Company Sgt-Major. Defendant left Hongkong for India, and was then still in the Royal Engineers. His wife left with him. Witness met him again on his return to Hongkong in November, 1900, he thought. By this time defendant had left the army. Witness on that occasion, asked for Mrs. Hanson and defendant told him she was dead.

Cross-examined.—The reason he had, for thinking that defendant and Mrs. Hanson were married was that they would not have been allowed to occupy the married quarters at Lytton unless a marriage certificate had been produced. He could not say whether a marriage certificate was produced in this case; but it was the rule for the certificate to be produced in England and presented to the commanding Officer, after which the wife was admitted on the strength of the regiment. Mrs. Hanson was on the strength of the regiment out here. He had neither heard from Mrs. Hanson nor seen her since her departure from Hongkong, but he had heard of her. He heard that Mrs. Bonson, wife of a Company Sgt-Major, had received a letter in which it was stated that Mrs. Hanson was alive. It was in the spring of the present year he heard this. This letter was from Mrs. Cutting, wife of a Company Sgt-Major who had been serving in Hongkong. The news was that Mrs. Cutting had met Mrs. Hanson and that the latter was expecting soon to join her husband in Hongkong. He did not hear where Mrs. Hanson was living. Mrs. Bonson was not now in Hongkong. He always understood that the Hansons when out here had no children.

He examined—Company Sgt.-Major Bouton had also gone home.

Mr. Bowley stated that he did not propose to lead any further evidence in the case at present.

Investigations had been made through the Scotland Yard authorities, and as a result of these a gentleman was leaving home shortly to come out here, who would be able to prove defendant's former marriage in London and of the refusal of their principal to confirm the sale. The day the alleged breach of warranty.

Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C., and Mr. M. W. Slade, barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. J. Hastings), appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. D. H. Sharp, barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. J. S. Harston), for the defendants.

Mr. Slade having summed up the plaintiff's case.

Mr. Sharp replied on behalf of the defendant. His Lordship summed up and put the following question to the jury—“Did the parties consider that the letter dated 20th October, including the postscript, was a binding contract?”

By a majority of 7 to 2 the jury gave the finding, “No.”

Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C., then addressed the Court as to costs.

Mr. Sharp asked for the costs of the trial.

Judgment was given for the defendants: order was delivered as to the costs in either the old or the new trial.

still living. In these circumstances he would that Mrs. Hanson was alive at the time of the second marriage. As a matter of fact, she was have to ask his Worship to remand the case from time to time until this witness arrived.

Mr. Deacon said he would very strongly urge that this was a case in which his Worship should grant bail. If the defendant was to be repeatedly remanded there must obviously be a month's delay and possibly longer. It would be very unjust indeed, with the skeleton of a case presently before the Court—because there was absolutely no evidence, as to the first mar-

riage—to refuse bail.

His Worship remarked that it would be necessary to get the witness from England, as the marriage took place there, so that an adjournment was inevitable. With reference to bail, he might suggest that, as the case would have to stand over for about a month at the very least, the agent for the defence should submit the names of sureties to the Crown Solicitor, and if there was no objection by the prosecution his Worship would make an order for bail.

Mr. Bowley acquiesced, saying that they would come before his Worship afterwards to have the bail fixed.

Mr. Deacon remarked that on the subject of remand he might say, the Crown Solicitor had intimated that the prosecution would require the remand indicated—probably the defence would be in much the same position.

It was quite possible that in that or some other Court he would have to ask for still another remand. There was an equal necessity that the defence should get evidence. He merely wished to intimate that, and would say no more on the matter.

His Worship said he would adjourn the case from week to week until he heard about bail.

The first adjournment would be till the 17th inst. at 10 o'clock, and meanwhile the defence would submit the names of sureties to the Crown Solicitor.

Mr. Bowley added that it was just possible he might wish to call some further evidence by people in Hongkong.

Mr. Deacon said, “In that case we can fix a hearing.”

FOOCHOW.

The Foochow Echo of the 30th ult. contains the following items:

The new Tariff Commission, Sir James Mackay, Mr. Cockburn and others, arrived on H.M. storeship *Hummer* that day.

The Bishop of Victoria left on Tuesday in the *Azing Maru* for Amoy.

The arrival of Colonel Lynch in reply to an enquiry, that if he comes to England to claim his son he will be tried for treason and bearing arms against the King.

London, 23rd November.

THE TRAITOR DR.

The relatives of Colonel Lynch, in reply

to an enquiry, that if he comes to England to claim his son he will be tried for treason and bearing arms against the King.

London, 25th November.

A WEEK'S WORK.

Lord Kitchener's weekly report brings the total loss for November up to 1,287.

THE BLOCKHOUSE SYSTEM.

The blockhouse system is successfully extending

in the Transvaal and Orange Colony, and is ensuring an effective hold on those portions of the country.

INDIAN ENFORCEMENT.

The British Cavalry regiments proceeding from India to South Africa will have full field service strength.

Simla, 26th November.

RECENT CASUALTIES.

The following is a list of the recent casualties reported from South Africa—November 11:

Severely wounded, Lieut. Cossins, South Australian Contingent—November 13: Killed, Lieut. Eyre, Yeomanry; slightly wounded, Capt. Chittenden, Prince of Wales' Light Horse—November 17: Killed, Lieut. Ellsworth, 2nd West India Regiment—November 21: killed, Capt. Elliott, Native Contingent; dangerously wounded, since dead, Major Fisher, R.G.A., attached to the Railway Pioneer Regiment; dangerously wounded, Capt. Langmore, Railway Pioneer Regiment; severely wounded, Second Lieutenant Phillips, Royal Lancashire Regiment and Capt. Everett and Lieut. Bixter, both of the Native Contingent; slightly wounded, Capt. Trundall, 5th Royal Irish Capt. Englis, Railway Pioneer Regiment, and Lieut. Burmester, Native Contingent, November 22: Killed, Capt. Blundy, and severely wounded Percy King, both of Maltese Section, Colonial Defence Forces; died from his wounds, Lieut. Erskine, Scottish Horse—November 23: Died from disease, Lieut. Walker, Pioneer Regiment, and Lieut. Eates, Bryan's Cyclists Corps.

London, 27th November.

MORE TROOPS.

There is no lack of recruits for the new Canadian Contingent for South Africa, and the Head-quarters are being besieged by men anxious to enlist.

The 18th Hussars for India have been ordered to South Africa instead.

MR. BALFOUR ON THE WAR.

A telegram from a conference of the Conservative Association at Wolverhampton to Mr. Balfour reiterates the firm conviction that there is but one policy and one form of settlement possible, and but one party capable of effecting that settlement. The Conference resolved that it would be unwise for all the expenses of war to be borne by the British taxpayers.

—LORD LANSDOWNE.

Lord Lansdowne speaking at Darlington said our foreign relations were friendly and satisfactory.

There were a great many signs that the clouds in South Africa were lifting.

STAFF CORPS OFFICERS WANTED.

Lord Kitchener has renewed his application for Staff Corps Officers for service in South Africa. Captains and Subalterns in Cavalry Regiments will be selected from the various commands and sent out forthwith.

GENERAL NEWS.

THE ARMED "PLEASURE" BOAT.

London, 23rd November.

The steamer *Bearcat*, which was stopped in the Thames has been released and cleared to-day for Colon via Amburgh.

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VICTORIA REGATTA, 1901.

11th and 12th December.

THE COMMITTEE of the VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB request the pleasure of the company of the Ladies of Hongkong at the Grand stand (Kowloon) on the occasion of the Annual Regatta.

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FRANK W. WHITE,

Acting Hon. Secretary.

Victoria Recreation Club. [3127]

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Hongkong, 7th December, 1901. [3128]

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ALFRED CUNNINGHAM, Hon. Secretary, S. J. C. Choir. Hongkong, 10th December, 1901. [3143]

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NOTICE.

A MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held in the HOTEL, THIS DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 11th December, 1901, at NOON, to consider a proposal of the Board of Directors for the profitable utilisation of the Ground on the Reclamation in front of the Hotel and, if approved, to pass the following Resolution:—

"That this Meeting approves the proposal for utilising the Company's Payra Reclamation land (Remaining Portion of Marine Lot No. 7) by the erection of a building thereon."

C. MOONEY, Secretary. Hongkong, 11th December, 1901. [3155]

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"RESOLUTION.—That the figures in Article No. 10, Clause 15 of the Articles of Association of the Company be altered to read \$1,500 (Fifteen hundred Dollars)."

Should the above Resolution be passed by the requisite majority, it will be submitted for confirmation, as a Special Resolution, to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

By Order of the Board of Directors, E. P. MOFFITT, Secretary. Hongkong, 27th November, 1901. [3134]

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A knock sounded at the door and the grandfather's querulous, peaceful voice bade the visitor "come in, an welcome!" There was a slight hesitation, then the latch was lifted, and a man, dressed in Sunday clothes, and with a ingenuous expression of countenance, entered. He did not respond to the invitation to come up and take a seat, but sat on the edge of a chair just inside the door.

"I'm sorry," he said, wiping his face decently with a Turkey red handkerchief, "to be the bearer of sorrowful tidings, but your son Maurice's wife is just departed out of this life—may the Lord be merciful to her soul, Amen. Terrible sudden it was. At ten o'clock last night you'd take a lace of her life; at six this morning she was in eternity. The quenzy they call it."

The old man gazed at the fire, and shook his head.

"It was sudden, sure enough," he said. "God rest her, poor woman! Is there?" said he, after another slight pause, "is there any news going?" Any rumours of war, or shipwreck, or such?

The newcomer stared at the old man, shocked by this stolid acceptance of such sad news, but the benevolent old face had nothing in it but peace and mild inquiry.

"There's no other shipwreck that I know of but the one I am telling you about," he said severely, "an' that's a serious one enough to your son an' his children. I'm but a neighbour an' well-wisher of his, an' his misfortune lies heavy on my heart."

"You're a well-meaning an' well-spoken man, an' I'm proud that Maurice has a friend like you," said the old man heartily. "He's doing pretty well, I believe."

"He was till six months ago," said the man, "but he lost his employment then, an' not a stroke did he get to do since."

"I suppose he had a little money saved?"

"Not a penny, poor fellow, an' twas the hardship an' fretting that left the poor wife such an easy prey to the sickness."

"God help us! An' four children?"

"Five," said the man. "From eight year to three, I left 'em crying for their mother in a way that would pierce a stone. Ehew; 'tis a terrible old world entirely!"

"Well, sure he'll have to come here an' bring the children. Isn't it well for 'em to have a home?"

The stranger got up and in his enthusiasm wrung the old man's hand. He knew that Maurice had not dared to hope this. Maurice who ten years ago had run away, and married against his father's wish a portentous girl, thereby leaving the old man to struggle through a sea of difficulties which a moderate fortune would have cleared away. The struggle had been successful, one, happily for Maurice and his flock, now.

Three days later a cart drove up to the door, a tall, gaunt pale man sat beside the driver, and behind him on the heaped up hay, five hollow-eyed, spindling children, ill-clad, and shivering in the bitter November air. The grandfather and old Aunt Peggy were waiting to receive them.

"The boxes and furniture are on the way, I suppose?" said the old woman, who had been expecting a more imposing arrival than this.

"There isn't a stick of anything of the kind," said Maurice wretchedly. "All that I have in the world is here," said he, pointing to the children who stood round him chilled and forlorn.

"An' sure, isn't that a good deal?" said the grandfather. "Bring 'em in, Maurice. An', Peggy, hurry-up with the tay for the creatures. They're destroyed by the cold."

A comfortable meal must have been woefully unfamiliar to the children, for the older ones

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

To ascertain the anchorage of any vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections, commanding from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked *k*, nearest Hongkong *a*, midway between Hongkong and Kowloon *m*, and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf *w*, together with the number denoting the section.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's
2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier.

3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard.
4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & RIG	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON	ACHILLES	Brit str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.
LONDON	BORNEO	Brit str.	2 m.	D. C. Gregor, E.N.E.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 14th inst., at Noon.
LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL	GLENROY	Brit str.	2 m.	Forbes Salby	MUGGERIDGE BROS. & GOW	On 20th inst.
LONDON, &c., via PORTS OF CALL	CHUSAN	Brit str.	2 m.	C. L. Daniel	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 21st inst., at Noon.
LONDON	GLACIUS	Brit str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 24th inst.
LONDON	DEUCALION	Brit str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 7th January.
LONDON	PELEUS	Brit str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 21st January.
LIVERPOOL DIRECT	XION	Brit str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 18th inst.
LIVERPOOL DIRECT	PATROCULUS	Brit str.	2 m.		NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 15th inst., at Daylight.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, v. SPORE, &c.	HITACHI MARU	Jap str.	2 m.	C. H. Butler	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 16th inst., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, &c., via PORTS OF CALL	VILLE DE LA CIOTAT	Jap str.	2 m.	J. B. Macmillan	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 27th inst., at Daylight.
BREMEN, via PORTS OF CALL	WAKASA MARU	Jap str.	2 m.	P. Grossch	MELCHERS & CO.	To-day.
HAVRE BREMEN & HAMBURG	STUTTGART	Ger str.	2 m.	Brehmer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	To-morrow.
HAVRE BREMEN & HAMBURG	SUEVIA	Ger str.	2 m.	Ammon	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 28th inst.
HAVRE BREMEN & HAMBURG	SEMINA	Ger str.	2 m.	Madsen	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 6th January.
HAVRE BREMEN & HAMBURG	NUERNBERG	Ger str.	2 m.	Schmidt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 13th January.
HAVRE BREMEN & HAMBURG	STRASSBURG	Ger str.	2 m.	Duckstein	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 12th February.
HAVRE BREMEN & HAMBURG	SANIBA	Ger str.	2 m.	Fischer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 26th February.
HAVRE BREMEN & HAMBURG	AMBRIA	Ger str.	2 m.	Sander	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 17th inst., P.M.
HAVRE BREMEN & HAMBURG	C. FRED. LAELISZ	Aus str.	1 m.	Dodwell & Co. LIMITED	SANDER, MELCHERS & CO.	On 21st inst.
AUSTRIA	LENNYX	Brit str.	2 m.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On about 17th inst.
ACANA	ACANA	Brit str.	2 h.	H. Pybus, E.N.E.	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On about 20th inst.
ATHESIA	EMPERESS OF JAPAN	Brit str.	4 m.	E. Beetham	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 18th inst., at Noon.
TAEWA	TAECOMA	Jap str.	1 m.	A. Dixon	DODWELL & CO. LIMITED	On 29th January.
RIOJUN MARU	KIYOUN MARU	Jap str.	2 m.	N. Oono	DODWELL & CO. LIMITED	On 21st inst.
PAKING	PAKING	Brit str.	2 m.	S. J. G. Parsons	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 10th inst., at 4 P.M.
THYRA	THYRA	Brit str.	2 m.		DODWELL & CO. LIMITED	On 30th inst., at 4 P.M.
EASERN	EASERN	Brit str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	Quick despatch.
TAIWAN	TAIWAN	Brit str.	2 m.	Ellis	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 15th inst.
KUMANO MARU	MARU	Aus str.	2 m.	E. W. Haswell	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
MARIA VALERIE	MARIA	Jap str.	2 m.	Borbovich	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 18th inst.
KAWACHI MARU	KAWACHI MARU	Jap str.	2 m.	J. S. Thompson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 27th inst., at 4 P.M.
MALACCA	MALACCA	Brit str.	2 m.	E. G. Andrews	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 19th inst., P.M.
YAWATA MARU	YAWATA MARU	Jap str.	2 m.	A. E. Moses	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On about 17th inst.
SINGAN	SINGAN	Brit str.	2 m.	A. L. Valentini	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	Te-day.
BENGAL	BENGAL	Brit str.	2 m.	G. Danemann	MELCHERS & CO.	On about 21st inst.
PRINCESS IRINE	PRINCESS IRINE	Ger str.	2 m.	Duchateau	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	Quick despatch.
INBUS	INBUS	Brit str.	2 m.		GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On about 16th inst.
CHINKIANG	CHINKIANG	Brit str.	2 h.	Ronch	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at Daylight.
HAITAN	HAITAN	Brit str.	1 m.	S. Atsumi	Douglas LaFaire & Co.	On 18th inst., at Daylight.
ANPING MARU	ANPING MARU	Jap str.	1 m.	T. Saito	MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA	To-morrow.
MATSUZU MARU	MATSUZU MARU	Jap str.	1 m.	T. Katano	MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA	On 15th inst.
DAIJI MARU	DAIJI MARU	Brit str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.
SUNGKIANO	SUNGKIANO	Brit str.	1 m.	A. Ramsey	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 14th inst., at Noon.
EASTERN	EASTERN	Brit str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
ZAPERO	ZAPERO	Brit str.	1 m.	D. Costa	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On 13th inst., at Noon.
TAIWAN	TAIWAN	Brit str.	2 m.		JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 13th inst., at Noon.
TSINTAU	TSINTAU	Brit str.	2 m.	R. Cormack	DODWELL & CO. LIMITED	On or about 15th inst.
BORNIDA	BORNIDA	Ital str.	2 m.			
SUEANG	SUEANG	Brit str.	2 m.			
SENECA	SENECA	Brit str.	2 m.			

SHIPPING.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 9, PROGRESS, German str., 857, Meyer, Tournai 6th December, General—SIEMENS & CO.

Dec. 9, STUTTGART, German str., 3,119, Paul Grossch, Yokohama 10th November, Mails and General—MELCHERS & CO.

Dec. 10, TAITAN, British str., 1,183, Reach, Foochow, Amoy and Swatow 9th December, General—DOUGLAS LAELISZ & CO.

Dec. 10, HANSA, German str., 1,202, Lotzen, Java 23rd Nov., Sugar—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Dec. 10, KWANGEE, British str., 1,467, R. Lincoln, Shanghai 7th Dec., General—CHINESE.

Dec. 10, PRINCESS IRINE, German str., 6,026, G. Danemann, Bremer and Singapore 5th Dec., Mails and General—MELCHERS & CO.

Dec. 10, SINGAN, British str., 1,045, Warrell, Canton 10th Dec., General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Dec. 10, SYLVIA, German str., 2,063, H. Borch, Shanghai 7th Dec., General—HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

Dec. 10, TAIFOR, British cruiser, 5,600, Stamford, Welleswe 6th December.

Dec. 10, THYRA, Norwegian str., 2,418, C. S. Halvorsen, San Francisco 29th October, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Dec. 10, WINGSANG, British str., 1,517, Sellar, Shanghai 6th Dec. and Swatow 9th, General—J. EDINE, MATHESON & CO.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

19th December.

Chien, American str., for Shanghai.

Detour, British str., for Yokohama.

Detour, German str., for Saigon.

Elano, Spanish str., for Manila.

Michael Jeaon, German str., for Hoilow.

Wesong, British str., for Swatow.

DEPARTURES.

10th December.

ASTRAEA, British cruiser, for a cruise.

CHIYUEN, American str., for Shanghai.

CLARA, German str., for Haiphong.

DEUCALION, British str., for Yokohama.

DEUTEROS, German str., for Saigon.

DUEDROE, British ship, for Tamsui.

HALLOONG, British str., for Swatow.

KAGOSHIMA MARU, Japanese str., for Kobe.

LOKSANG, British str., for Canton.

ONSANG, British str., for Hongkong.

PHIA C. KAO, German str., for Bangkok.

TINGSAK, British str., for Foochow.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

9th December.

ABERDEEN DOCKS.—Bakan Maru, Taiyuan.

KOWLOON DOCKS.—Centurion River, H. J. Albrecht, Kwa I-tui, Tacoma, U.S.S. Princeton, Lat-Loo, Mongku, Dr. Hsien Jui Kwei, Saturn, Empress of Japan, H.M.S. Plover, H.M.S. Cressey, Hongkong, S.M.S. Iris, H.M.S. Tiger.

COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—Taicheng, Hongkong.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Kiancon, from Shang-hai 7th inst., had fine weather throughout, strong monsoon in Formosa Channel.

The British steamer Italian, from Foochow, Amoy and Swatow 9th inst., had fresh monsoon, considerable sea and overcast. Vessels in Amoy—U.S.S. Kentucky, str. Tigris and Canton. In Swatow—str. Dogmar and Choufa.

VESSELS PASSED ANJER.

Captain Ellis, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 12th December, at 4 P.M.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

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VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	OUTWARDS.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PELEUS"	On 13th December.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PATROCLUS"	On 16th December.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"STENTOR"	On 24th December.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MEMNON"	On 3rd January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"IDOMENEUS"	On 8th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TANTALUS"	On 16th January.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL.
LONDON	"ACHILLES"	On 12th December.
LONDON	"GLAUCUS"	On 24th December.
LONDON	"DEUGALION"	On 7th January.
LONDON	"PELEUS"	On 21st January.
LIVERPOOL DIRECT	"IXION"	On 18th December.
(Taking Cargo at London Rates)	"PATROCLUS"	On 15th January.
LIVERPOOL DIRECT	"PELEUS"	For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS O. S. S. Co.

Hongkong, 22nd November, 1901.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIIGO AND
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THE Imperial German Mail Steamship

"PRINZESS IRENE".

OF THE NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
Captain G. Dannenbaum, due here with the outward German Mail about the 10th instant, will leave for the above places about 24 hours after arrival.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For further particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1901.

THE OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA,
LIMITED.FOR TAMSUI VIA SWATOW AND
AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship.

"DAIGI MARU".

Captain T. Katane, will be despatched for the above ports on SUNDAY, the 15th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
Agents.

Hongkong, 9th December, 1901.

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ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE
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TO JAPAN PORTS AND
HONOLULU.THE UNITED STATES,
MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH
AMERICA, &c.

S.S. "THYRA".

On 16th December

THE Steamship "THYRA" will be

despatched for SAN DIEGO and
SAN FRANCISCO VIA MOJI, KOBE, and
YOKOHAMA on SUNDAY, the 15th December.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point

in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M.
the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages
will be received at the Office until the same
time. All parcels should be marked to address
in full. Value of same is required.

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sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the
Collector of Customs, San Diego.For further information as to Freight or
Passage, apply toBUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, China and Japan.

Hongkong, 30th November, 1901.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"VALETTA".

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND
STRAITS.SHEWAN TOMES & CO.'S NEW YORK
LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"ACARA".

Captain Kilgour, will be despatched as above
on or about 17th December.

To be followed by the Steamship

"ASAMA".

Captain Benten, on or about 27th December.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

Hongkong, 23rd November, 1901.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"JAVA".

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT
SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.Consignee of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are
being landed and placed at their risk in theHongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark,
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:

From London, &c., ex s.s. Victoria.

From Australia, ex s.s. India.

From Persian Gulf, ex s.s. B. I. S. N. and
B. P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.Goods not cleared by the 15th instant, at
4 P.M., will be subject to rent.No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case whatever.All damaged packages must be left in the
Godowns, and a certificate of the damage
obtained from the Gedwin Company within ten
days after the vessel's arrival here, after which
no claims will be recognised.E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1901.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"MARIA VALERIE".

Captain Berberovich, will leave for the above
place on THURSDAY, the 19th inst., at 9 A.M.The steamer has capital accommodation for
Passengers. Electric light. A Doctor is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SANDER, WIELER & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1901.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"CHUSAN".

Captain C. L. Daniel, carrying His Majesty's
Mail, will be despatched from this for Bombay,
on SATURDAY, the 21st December, at NOON,Taking Cargo at through rates to the Brazils,
to South Africa, Red Sea, Black Sea,
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THE Company's Steamship

"CHUSAN".

Captain Feller, will be despatched as above on
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Hongkong, 27th November, 1901.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"AUSTRIA".

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Hongkong, 27th November, 1901.

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THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"GLENROY".

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above on FRIDAY, the 20th December.

For Freight, apply to

MC GREGOR BROS. & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1901.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"SENECA".

Captain R. Cormack, will be despatched as
above on or about SUNDAY, the 15th instant.

For Freight and further information, apply to

DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1901.

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